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ABSTRACT

1. This report reviews the major ground forces developments in Peking Military Region observed on photography of July and August 1972. The report contains text, a map, three photographs, and two tables.

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INTRODUCTION

2. Approximately 95 percent of Peking Military Region was [redacted]. The extensive, generally clear, photography permitted a detailed search of the region. As a result, several major ground forces developments were observed, and 13 ground forces facilities were newly identified (Figure 1). In addition, a partial summary of weapons and equipment was determined.

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BASIC DESCRIPTION

Armor Activity

3. Twenty-eight tanks were observed at Huo-lu Army Barracks AL 2 [redacted]. This is an increase of 20 tanks over the previous high count at the installation [redacted].

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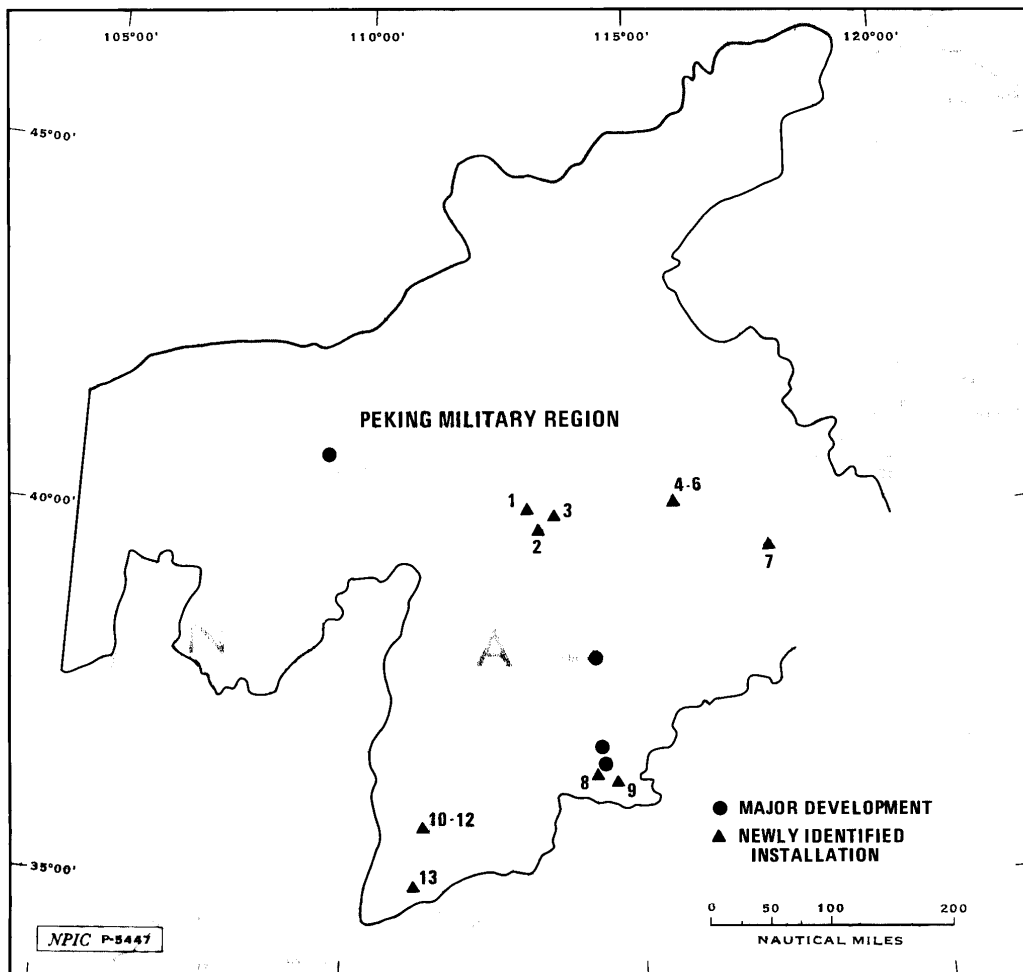


FIGURE 1. GROUND FORCES ACTIVITY IN PEKING MILITARY REGION, CHINA

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Artillery Activity

4. Sixty antiaircraft artillery (AAA) pieces were observed at Tai-liang AAA Training Area [] on photography of [] The AAA pieces were parked in six six-gun batteries and three eight-gun batteries (Figure 2). Twenty-one tents were also present.

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Infantry Activity

5. Elements of a probable infantry division were observed within the newly identified Han-tan Probable Infantry Division Area [] The installation consists of 11 areas housing a probable division headquarters and support area, three possible infantry regiments, a probable artillery regiment (Figure 3), and a probable AAA battalion (Figure 4). The barracks are in ravines within 10 nautical miles (nm) of 36-38-20N 114-17-10E. A total of 23 field artillery (FA) pieces, 16 mortars, 14 AAA pieces, and 170 cargo trucks were in the area []

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6. At least 1,000 cargo trucks were observed in Hsing-tai Storage Area Southwest AL 3 [] on photography of [] This is the largest concentration of cargo trucks ever observed in Peking Military Region. The previous high count was 500 cargo trucks at Shih-chia-chuang Army Barracks and Training Center West []

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Tables

7. Table 1 (keyed to Figure 1) contains a summary of the 13 ground forces installations newly identified in Peking Military Region []

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Table 1. Ground Forces Facilities in Peking Military Region Newly Identified
(Item numbers keyed to Figure 1)

Item No	Installation Name	Geographic Coordinates	Ground Forces Weapons Observed	Remarks
1	Ta-tung Poss Army Bks NW	40-15-30N 113-08-15E		The barracks consists of two areas.
2	Ta-tung Military Areas South	40-01-20N 113-17-10E	24 FA pieces 5 poss FA pieces 12 AAA pieces 50 cargo trucks 4 prob pieces of equipment	The installation consists of three battal- ion-size areas. Eighteen FA pieces, five possible FA pieces, and the 12 AAA pieces were dispersed.
3	Chu-lo-pu Army Bks West	40-09-40N 113-26-25E	18 AAA pieces 6 AAA/FA pieces 35 cargo trucks 3 van trucks 2 prob bulldozers	The facility contains at least four caves.
4	Kang-chuang Bks Area NE	40-23-40N 115-58-45E	4 cargo trucks 2 pieces of equip- ment	
5	Kang-chuang Bks Area SSE	40-18-55N 115-55-50E		At least three adits are in the installation.
6	Yeng-ching Military Bks SE	40-24-15N 116-04-35E	8 prob Howitzers 10 FA pieces 28 cargo trucks 8 utility trucks	The installation is possibly regimental size. The weapons and equipment were on the edges of villages within 1 nm of the installation and on the edge of the installation itself.
7	Hsin-an-chen Prob Military Activity	39-40-55N 117-33-50E	4 FA pieces 4 prob tracked vehicles	The facility probably houses elements of an artillery unit on a temporary basis.
8	Han-tan Prob Inf Div Area (Figures 3 and 4)	36-38-20N 114-17-10E	23 FA pieces 16 mortars 14 AAA pieces 175 cargo trucks	The installation consists of 11 barracks areas situated in ravines within a 10-nm radius.
9	Han-tan Bks Area East	36-36-55N 114-36-00E	8 85mm AAA pieces 4 cargo trucks 3 pieces of equip- ment	
10	Hou-ma Army Bks North	35-41-40N 111-23-20E	1 cargo trucks 2 vehicles	The installation is in a ravine.
11	Hou-ma Army Bks NE	35-38-30N 111-23-25E	4 cargo trucks	
12	Hou-ma Army Bks NW	35-39-26N 111-18-09E	12 37/57mm AAA pieces 12 cargo trucks	
13	Yun-cheng Army Bks East	35-01-30N 110-59-59E	5 37mm AAA pieces 1 poss POL truck 1 poss truck- mounted crane 12 cargo trucks	The installation consists of four areas.

Table 2. Ground Forces Weapons in Peking Military Region Observed
(July and August 1972)

Province	Armor	FA	AAA	Other
Hopeh	79 tanks 10 prob tanks 2 poss tanks 94 tanks/assault guns 32 prob tanks/assault guns 2 poss tanks/assault guns 19 poss APC 25 armored vehicles 25 prob armored vehicles 39 poss armored vehicles	177 FA pieces 20 prob FA pieces 36 poss FA pieces 6 mortars 22 poss mortars	417 AAA pieces 16 prob AAA pieces 41 poss AAA pieces 16 AAHMG 48 prob AAHMG 6 poss AAHMG	11 tracked prime movers 17 prob tracked prime movers 4 poss tracked prime movers 19 prob tracked vehicles 2 poss tracked vehicles
Shansi	89 tanks 48 prob tanks 34 prob assault guns 19 poss assault guns 142 tanks/assault guns 1 poss tank/assault gun 73 tanks/APC 4 poss ARV	241 FA pieces 4 prob FA pieces 19 poss FA pieces	110 AAA pieces 6 prob AAA pieces 2 poss AAHMG	22 rocket launchers 3 prob rocket launchers 9 poss rocket launchers 22 tracked prime movers 18 poss tracked prime movers 8 tracked vehicles
Inner Mongolia	74 poss tanks 8 poss APC	29 FA pieces 20 prob FA pieces	160 AAA pieces 17 poss AAA pieces	13 tracked prime movers

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8. Table 2 contains a summary by province of ground forces weapons and equipment observed in Peking Military Region. The totals given reflect a review of known targets as well as a search of areas where weapons were suspected to be dispersed.

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